

QUESTION: WAS MANKIND (ADAM) CREATED WITH AN IMMORTAL "SOUL", OR WAS MANKIND (ADAM) CREATED AS A "LIVING SOUL" FROM SOMETHING?

[A.] Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (see also 1 Corinthians 15:45; Acts 17:25; Job 12:10)

[1.] "the dust of the ground" + [2.] "the breath of life (of God)" "breathed into his nostrils" = [3.] "man became a living soul".

[B.] Gen 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

[C.] Job 4:19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

[D.] Job 27:3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

[E.] Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

QUESTION: WHAT IS A SOUL (LIVING or DEAD)?

A "soul" (H5315, G5590; Leviticus 22:11; Hebrews 4:12) is a "life" (Genesis 9:5; Matthew 6:25; Luke 9:56; Acts 15:26, 27:10; 1 John 3:16; Revelation 12:11, &c.), "person/s" (Genesis 14:21; Numbers 5:6, &c.), "creature" (Genesis 1:21,24; Leviticus 11:46, &c.), or "beast" (Leviticus 24:18). It can also be defined as a "being".

QUESTION: IF MANKIND (ADAM), WHEN ALIVE, IS A "LIVING SOUL", ARE "BEASTS" THAT ARE ALIVE ALSO "LIVING SOULS"?

Num 31:28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep:

See also Joshua 6, 10 & 11, in every instance where it is written that Joshua destroyed "all the souls that were therein" (Joshua 6:21, 10:28,30,32,35,37,39-40, 11:11) it included both "persons" (mankind) and "beeves", "asses", "sheep", &c of the "beasts" that were in those cities.

QUESTION: CAN A "LIVING SOUL" DIE AND BECOME A "DEAD" SOUL, HAVING NO LIFE ANYMORE?

Yes, see "dead": Leviticus 19:28, 21:1, 22:4; Numbers 5:2, 6:11, 9:6-7 (2), 10. If the "dust of the ground" from which any "living soul" is "formed" is destroyed or damaged beyond sustaining life, or if the "breath of life (of God)" is taken back by God, that "living soul" becomes a dead soul (person, creature, beast, being):

[A.] Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

[B.] Eze 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

[C.] Rev 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MANKIND AND BEAST IN DEATH?

[A.] Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

[B.] Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (for Catholics, see 'Ash Wednesday', "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.")

[C.] Ecc 3:19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

Ecc 3:20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

QUESTION: ARE MANKIND ("LIVING SOULS") WHICH ARE ALIVE, "MORTAL" OR "IMMORTAL"?

Job 4:17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? (see also Romans 6:12, 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:53-54; 2 Corinthians 4:11)

QUESTION: IF MANKIND HAS LIFE CONDITIONALLY, WHERE DID THE TEACHING OF "IMMORTAL SOUL/SPIRIT" COME FROM?

[A.] Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

[B.] Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (see also Revelation 20:2)

[C.] Lev 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

[D.] 1Ch 10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it:

[E.] 1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

[F.] Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANYONE IN THE BIBLE WHO HAS IMMORTALITY, OR IS INHERENTLY IMMORTAL?

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1Ti 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A "LIVING SOUL" DIES?

They return to the dust of the earth from which they came, and it is as if they "sleep" (lying down) in the grave, until their respective resurrection.

[A.] Ecc 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

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Ecc 9:6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

[B.] Ecc 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

[C.] Ecc 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit ("breath of life (of God)") shall return unto God who gave it.

[D.] Psa 90:3 Thou turnest man to destruction (H1793; crushed to dust); and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

[E.] Psa 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

[F.] Psa 104:29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Psa 104:30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

[G.] Job 7:21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

[H.] Job 14:5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Job 14:6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

Job 14:7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

Job 14:8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

Job 14:9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

Job 14:10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

Job 14:11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

Job 14:12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. (see "heaven": Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33; 2 Peter 3:10; Isaiah 34:4; Revelation 6:14.)

Job 14:13 O that thou wouldst hide me in the grave, that thou wouldst keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me a set time, and remember me! (see "wrath" = 7 last plagues; Revelation 15:1, 16:1,19)

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. (see 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Luke 14:14)

Job 14:15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. (see "call": 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Psalms 50:4; Isaiah 25:8-9)

[I.] Job 14:21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

[J.] Job 17:13 If I wait, the grave is mine house; I have made my bed in the darkness.

Job 17:14 I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

Job 17:15 And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

Job 17:16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

QUESTION: IS IT ONLY THE "BODY" THAT GOES TO THE GRAVE, OR IS IT THE WHOLE PERSON, THE DEAD SOUL?

[A.] Job 20:11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

[B.] Job 34:14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

Job 34:15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

[C.] Job 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Job 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

QUESTION: DON'T WE GET TO KEEP THE "SPIRIT" IN DEATH?

Ecc 8:8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

QUESTION: DO THE DECEASED PRAY, PRAISE, SING, REJOICE OR MAKE ANY NOISE?

[A.] Psa 115:17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

[B.] Isa 38:18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

[C.] Isa 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

QUESTION: ARE THE PATRIARCH'S, PROPHETS, APOSTLES & DISCIPLES WHO DIED "IN THE LORD" IN HEAVEN NOW?

[A.] Joh 8:53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

[B.] Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

Heb 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

[C.] Act 2:29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

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Act 2:34 For **David is not ascended into the heavens**: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Act_13:36 For **David**, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, **fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption**:

[D.] Act 7:59 And **they stoned Stephen**, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. ("**spirit**" is Stephen's last breath, his prayer)

Act 7:60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, **he fell asleep**.

Act 8:2 And devout men **carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him**.

QUESTION: WHAT DID PEOPLE DO TO JESUS WHEN HE TAUGHT THIS DOCTRINE OF THE 'SLEEPING' SOUL?

Mat_9:24 He said unto them, Give place: for **the maid is not dead, but sleepeth**. And **they laughed him to scorn**. (see also Mark 5:40; Luke 8:53)

QUESTION: DID THE DISCIPLES & APOSTLES CONTINUE IN THIS DOCTRINE?

Act_2:42 And **they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

QUESTION: DIDN'T JESUS SAY THAT GOD WAS THE "GOD OF THE LIVING" AND NOT THE DEAD, DOESN'T THAT MEAN THAT THEY ARE ALIVE IN HEAVEN?

No, Jesus was referring to the resurrection ("**as touching the dead, that they rise**", "**they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead**", "**that the dead are raised**", "**for all live unto him**"; Matthew 22:28-33; Mark 12:23-27; Luke 20:33-39), in that those who are dead in the first death, sleep in the grave, until their resurrection, for they haven't suffered the second death (Revelation 2:11, 20:6,14, 21:8; Jude 1:12; 2 Corinthians 1:10), from which there is no return, or resurrection, or life (spiritually & physically).

Mat 22:28 Therefore **in the resurrection** whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

Mat 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Mat 22:30 For **in the resurrection** they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Mat 22:31 But **as touching the resurrection of the dead**, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

Mat 22:32 **I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living**.

Mat 22:33 And when the multitude heard this, **they were astonished at his doctrine**.

QUESTION: DIDN'T PAUL SAY THAT "TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD", AND THAT MEANS, UPON DEATH WE IMMEDIATELY GO TO BE WITH JESUS IN HEAVEN?

No, there is no "is", but there is an "and", and so Paul actually said, "to be absent from the body, **and** to be present with the Lord", which means there is a space of time between death and being "with the Lord". It's like saying, I am going to the store "and" buying groceries. Time is involved. Notice Paul's timing that those who died in the Lord are to "be with" Him, not upon death, but in the resurrection at Jesus' coming as Job said:

[A.] 2Co_5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, **and to be present with the Lord**.

[B.] 1Th 4:13 But **I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus** will God bring with him. (Jesus takes the resurrected and translated back "with him" to Heaven; John 14:1-4; Psalms 24:1-10 repeats.)

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain **unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep**. ("prevent" means go before, or ahead of)

1Th 4:16 For **the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first**:

1Th 4:17 **Then** we which are alive and remain shall be caught up **together with them** in the clouds, **to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord**.

[C.] Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ in God**.

Col 3:4 **When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory**.

QUESTION: DIDN'T KING SAUL SPEAK WITH THE DECEASED PROPHET "SAMUEL" THROUGH A WITCH AT ENDOR (1 Samuel 28)?

No. The "familiar spirit" wasn't really the deceased prophet Samuel, as a "familiar spirit" is a "lying spirit" masquerading as the known deceased. It was the (or a) devil masquerading as "Samuel". The "witch" divines "by" the "familiar spirit" (1 Samuel 28:7). Saul enquires of the "familiar spirit" and not God. Saul sees nothing, but takes the word of the (deceived) "witch" in what she claims to see by the "lying spirit". The witch sees "elohiym" ('gods'), not "nevi'im (prophets)". The chapter explicitly starts by saying the actual prophet Samuel was dead, and buried in Ramah (in Canaan), as a warning. Since Saul grieved away the Holy Spirit, God was no longer talking to Saul by dreams, Urim & Thummim of the High Priest, and neither by prophets (of which Samuel once was in life; 1 Samuel 28:6). The passage says nothing of a resurrection, and there is no flesh and bones of any deceased raised to life. Saul left the safety of the land of Israel (Canaan) and travelled into enemy territory under disguise. That which the "familiar (taking on characteristics of someone we know) spirit" speaks a mixture of truth and lies (Ishbosheth, Saul's son, didn't die the next day (2 Samuel 2:8,10), and Saul later commits suicide, dying bereft of the Holy Ghost, and his head was severed from his body, which was later burned to bones, and finally buried in Benjamin, in Zelah in the sepulchre of Kish (2 Samuel 21:14), but Samuel was faithful in life, and buried in Ramah, while Saul wasn't, so they weren't together or "with" each other in death), and the devil is the father of lies (John 8:44; Revelation 16:14). Saul died for his sin of enquiring of the "familiar spirit" (1 Chronicles 10:13). God never even appears to utilize witchcraft for communication, and outright condemned all who did practice it, even to death and loss of eternal life (Exodus 22:18; Leviticus 19:31, 20:6,27; Deuteronomy 18:10; 1 Samuel 15:23; Isaiah 8:19, 29:4; Galatians 5:20).

[A.] Lev 19:31: "**Regard not them that have familiar spirits**, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God."

[B.] 1Ch_10:13 So **Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it**:

QUESTION: DIDN'T JESUS UPON HIS DEATH GO TO "HELL" AND PREACH TO THE "SPIRITS IN PRISON", OR DID HE GO IMMEDIATELY TO HEAVEN?

No, neither. Jesus died, and was placed into the sepulchre of Joseph of Arimathea. The "spirits in prison" (1 Peter 3:18-22), are those lost persons hearts/minds who grieved away the Holy Ghost (whom Jesus spake through), which spoke through Noah, while he was preaching when the Ark was being prepared (Genesis 6:1-8).

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[A.] Job_21:32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

[B.] Mat_28:6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Note: Not merely Jesus' body.)

Joh_20:2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

[C.] Joh_20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

QUESTION: DON'T THE WICKED, UNREPENTANT, GO STRAIGHT TO HELL, WHERE THEY ARE BURNED AND TORTURED FOR EVER AND EVER, WHAT ABOUT THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS OF LUKE 16:19-31?

No. Our next lesson ("Does a Loving & Just God really eternally torture people in Hellfire forever and ever?") will reveal what the Bible says on the subject of Hell, Hellfire, Lake of Fire, Torment, Eternal Punishment, Everlasting Fire and Luke 16's parable. God is long-suffering with the unrepentant, not eternally suffering the wicked to live. Jesus took the penalty for sin upon the cross of Calvary. Death, not eternal torment.

[A.] Rom_6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[B.] 1Pe_3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

QUESTION: AREN'T WE IMMORTAL "SPIRIT BODIES" (NON-CORPOREAL ESSENCES, SHADES, GHOSTS) IN THE RESURRECTION?

No. A 'spirit-body' is a contradiction in terms (Luke 24:39; John 3:6). In the resurrection, we will have real, tangible, glorified "spiritual" (subdued to the Holy Spirit) bodies of flesh and bones, just as Jesus has, even as the angels of Heaven have.

[A.] 1Co_15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

[B.] Luk_24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

[C.] Php_3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY PERSONS OF MANKIND IN HEAVEN, AT ALL?

Yes, but they were either "translated" alive (not dead) and glorified, or resurrected (made alive) and glorified and taken up or ascended.

[1.] Enoch (translated alive & glorified; Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5),

[2.] Moses (resurrected & glorified; Numbers 20:8-12, 27:13, 31:2; Deuteronomy 4:21-22, 31:2, 14:16, 32:51-52, 34:1-8; 1 Samuel 2:6; Matthew 22:32; John 11:25-26; Matthew 17:1-12; Mark 9:1-13; Luke 9:27-36; 2 Peter 1:16; Romans 5:14; Jude 1:9),

[3.] Elijah (translated & glorified; 2 Kings 2:1-12),

[4.] 'firstfruits' around Jerusalem (resurrected & glorified; Matthew 27:50-53, 28:1-4; Isaiah 26:19; for Jesus, see also Psalms 40:6; Hebrews 10:5; Galatians 4:4); Psalms 68:8, 17-21 (vs 21., see Genesis 3:15); compare Psalms 68:18 to Ephesians 4:8-10; Compare Leviticus 23:9-14; 15-22 (Firstfruits) to 1 Corinthians 15:21-23. See also Psalms 24:1-10 (Triumphal Entry into New Jerusalem), with Psalms 98:1-3; Colossians 2:15. See also Acts 1.), and

[5.] Jesus Himself (resurrected, glorified & ascended; Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6; Revelation 12:5, &c). That's it, for now.

QUESTION: DON'T CHRISTIANS HAVE ETERNAL LIFE RIGHT NOW?

[A.] 1Jn_5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

[B.] Dan_12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS, DIDN'T JESUS SAY TO HIM THAT HE WOULD BE WITH JESUS IN "PARADISE" THAT DAY WHEN THEY DIED?

No. Read the passage carefully, for the thief asked Jesus to "remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom", which Jesus had not received yet (Dan. 2:44, 7:13-14, 27; Luk. 19:12):

Luk_23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Luk_23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day[,] shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Jesus, even three days after He had died (Jhn. 10:17; Rev. 1:18, 2:8; death is an enemy, not a friend, 1 Cor. 15:26), and was buried (descended to "hell", aka grave; Psa. 16:10; Act. 2:27; Rom. 10:7; Eph. 4:9-10), remained in the tomb (Job 21:32), where He lay (Mat. 28:6), was not yet resurrected (Mat. 27:63), and had not yet ascended to the Father, in "paradise" (2 Cor. 12:2, 4; Eph. 4:9-10; Rev. 2:7); and didn't even lead some of the captivity (dead) captive (resurrected) until then (Psa. 68:18; Isa. 26:19; Psa. 24:1-10; 1 Cor. 15:20, 23; Lev. 23:10-12; Mat. 27:52-53; Jhn. 14:2-4; 2 Tim. 1:10):

Joh_20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Jesus, after His ascension went to go receive a kingdom, but He has not yet received it (Isa. 61:10, 62:5; Mat. 19:28, 21:33, 25:14, 31; Mar. 12:1; Luk. 20:9):

Luk_19:12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

The koine Greek has no punctuation, the English printed text is simply missing a comma, after the word "Today", which was missed in the printing of the current edition (see Jhn. 1:51, 3:3, 5:11, 5:19, 24:25, 6:26, 32, 47, 53, 8:34, 51, 58, 10:1, 7, 12:24, 13:16, 20, 21, 38, 14:12, 16:20, 23, 21:18; Mat. 5:18, 26, 6:2, 5, 16, 8:10, 10:15, 23, 42, 13:17; Preserves Words - Psa. 12:6-7):

Luk_23:43 GNT TR και ειπεν αυτω ο ιησους αμην λεγω σοι σημερον μετ εμου εση εν τω παραδεισω

Jesus was saying, "To day, if ye will hear his voice" (see Psa. 95:7; see also Hebrews 3:7, 15, 4:7), or Believe me today, or I promise you today (now), in the resurrection to come of all those who believed, you will be with me (see 2 Cor. 6:2; 1 Thes. 4:17, "Then ... ever be with the Lord."). A comma can make all the difference in the world:

(EXAMPLE:) "Let's eat, Grandma!" vs. "Let's eat Grandma!" or "A woman, without her, man is nothing." Vs "A woman without her man, is nothing."

Even the "creeds" of Catholicism do not teach Jesus went to "Paradise" that day:

Thomas Aquinas "Summa Theologica", Third Part, Question 52; Article 4, Reply To Objection 1 [and throughout, having both the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur]:

"Reply to Objection 1. When Christ descended into hell He delivered the saints who were there, not by leading them out at once from the confines of hell, but by enlightening them with the light of glory in hell itself. Nevertheless it was fitting that His soul should abide in hell as long as His body remained in the tomb." - <http://www.newadvent.org/summa/4052.htm#article4>

or we may see it from the "Creed of Aquileia":

"Descendit ad inferna; tertia die resurrexit a mortuis (He descended to hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead); Ascendit in coelos; sedet ad dexteram Patris; (He ascended to the heavens; he sits at the right hand of the Father)" - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/2711.htm>

or considering the "Apostles Creed", it clearly states that Jesus was not "caught up to Heaven" until after the "third day"; "T" Apostles Creed :

"...(5) He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; (6) He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; ..." - <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01629a.htm>

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or considering the “Nicene Creed”, it clearly says of Jesus that he:

“...suffered and was **buried; and the third day rose again** according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven...” -
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11049a.htm>

or considering the “Athanasian Creed”, it clearly says of Jesus:

“...Who suffered for our salvation, **descended into Hell, rose again the third day from the dead**. He ascended into Heaven...” -
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/02033b.htm>

USEFUL TEXTS:

[sleep, slept, asleep, sleepeth] Genesis 2:21; Deuteronomy 31:16; 2 Samuel 7:12; Job 3:13, 7:21, 14:12; 1 Kings 1:21, 2:10, 11:21,43, 14:20,31, 15:8,24, 16:6,28, 22:40,50; 2 Kings 8:24, 10:35, 13:9,13, 14:16,22,29, 15:7,22,38, 16:20, 20:21, 21:18, 24:6; 2 Chronicles 9:31, 12:16, 14:1, 16:13, 21:1, 26:2,3, 27:9, 28:27, 32:33, 33:20; Job 14:12; Psalms 13:3; Matthew 27:52; John 11:11-13; Acts 7:60, 13:36; 1 Corinthians 15:6,18,20,51; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15; 2 Peter 3:4;

[awake] Job 14:12; Psalms 17:15; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2; John 11:11-13; [grave/bed] Job 17:13; Psalms 139:8; Luke 17:34;

[fathers and prophets are dead] John 6:49,58, 8:52,53; Acts 2:29,34, 13:36; Hebrews 11:4,13,16,40

[knowing nothing] Genesis 27:4, 45:28; Ruth 1:17; Job 3:17-19, 7:8-10, 14:21, 21:32; 2 Kings 22:20; 2 Chronicles 34:28; Psalms 6:5, 28:1, 31:17, 88:4,10,11, 115:17, 143:7, 146:4; Ecclesiastes 9:4,5,6,10; Isaiah 14:11, 38:18;

[reserved] 2 Peter 2:9;

[Jesus goes to prepare a place, so at 2nd Advent, He will raise us and receive us] John 14:2-3

[grave[s], sepulchre[s], tomb[s], pit[s], hell [Hb: sheol; Gr: hades; grave]] Genesis 23:6, 35:20, 37:35, 44:29,31, 50:5; Exodus 14:11; Numbers 16:30, 19:16,18; Deuteronomy 34:6; Judges 8:32, 1 Samuel 2:6, 10:2; 2 Samuel 3:32, 4:10, 17:23, 19:37, 21:14, 22:6; 1 Kings 2:6,9, 13:22,30,31, 14:13; 2 Kings 9:28, 13:21, 21:26, 22:20, 23:6,16,17,30; 2 Chronicles 16:14, 21:20, 24:25, 28:27, 32:33, 34:4,28, 35:24; Nehemiah 2:3,5, 3:16; Job 3:17-19,22, 5:26, 7:8-10, 10:19, 11:8, 14:12-14,21, 17:1,13,16, 21:13,23-32, 24:19, 26:6, 30:24, 33:22; Psalms 5:9, 6:5, 18:5, 28:1, 30:3, 31:17, 35:7, 49:14,15, 55:15, 86:13, 88:3,4,5-12, 89:48, 94:13, 115:17, 116:3, 139:8, 141:7, 143:7; Proverbs 1:12, 5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:11,24, 23:14, 27:20, 30:16; Ecclesiastes 6:6, 9:10; Song of Songs 8:6; Isaiah 5:14, 14:9,11,15,19, 22:16, 28:15,18, 38:10,18, 53:9, 57:9, 65:4; Jeremiah 5:16, 8:1, 26:23, 20:17; Ezekiel 26:20, 31:15-17, 32:18,21-27, 37:12,13, 39:11; Hosea 13:14; Amos 9:2; Jonah 2:2 [- figurative, typological]; Nahum 1:14; Habakkuk 2:5; Matthew 8:8, 11:23, 23:27,29, 27:52,53,60,61,64,66, 28:8; Mark 5:2,3,5, 6:29, 15:46, 16:2,3,5,8; Luke 8:27, 10:15, 11:47,48, 23:53,55, 24:1,2,9,12,22,24; John 5:28, 11:31,38, 12:17, 19:41,42, 20:1-4,6,8,11; Acts 2:29,34, 7:16, 13:29,36; Romans 3:13; 1 Corinthians 15:55; Revelation 1:18, 11:9, 20:13,14

[all that breathed died, no breath, breath nostrils] Genesis 2:7, 7:22; Joshua 10:40; 1 Kings 15:29, 17:17; Job 27:3; Isaiah 2:22; Jeremiah 10:14, 51:17; Lamentations 4:20; Ezekiel 37:8; Habakkuk 2:19

[the ghost, last breath] Genesis 25:8,17, 35:29, 49:33; Job 3:11, 10:18, 11:20, 13:19, 14:10; Jeremiah 15:9; Lamentations 1:19; Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37,39; Luke 23:46; John 19:30; Acts 5:5,6,9,10, 12:23

[slept with his fathers, sleep with] Deuteronomy 31:16; 2 Samuel 7:12; 1 Kings 1:21, 2:10, 11:21,43, 14:20,31, 15:8,24, 16:6,28, 22:40,50; 2 Kings 8:24, 10:35, 13:9,13, 14:16,22,29, 15:7,22,38, 16:20, 20:21, 21:18, 24:6; 2 Chronicles 9:31, 12:16, 14:1, 16:13, 21:1, 26:2,3, 27:9, 28:27, 32:33, 33:20; Acts 13:36

[gathered unto, laid unto] Genesis 25:17, 35:29, 49:29,33; Numbers 20:24,26, 27:13, 31:2; Deuteronomy 32:40; Judges 2:10; Acts 13:36

[no life without God/Jesus] John 6:53

[no blood, no life] Leviticus 17:14

[life is the opposite of death] Genesis 43:8; Deuteronomy 33:6; Proverbs 12:28; Philippians 1:21

[life can be laid down] John 15:13

[murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them] 1 John 3:15

[2nd-3rd Advent/Coming in Power and Glory] Zechariah 14:1-7; Daniel 2:35,44,45, 7:14,22,27, 8:25, 12:1-3; Matthew 19:28, 24:30, 25:31; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27; 1 Corinthians 15:43; 2 Thessalonians 1:9

[[second great] resurrection [of the wicked, unjust, damnation, at the end/close of the 1000 years, when Christ Jesus and all of the Saints [then immortal] descend to Earth in New Jerusalem upon the Mount of Olives, and the Great White Throne Judgment takes place; Zechariah 14; Revelation 20]] John 5:29b; Acts 17:31, 24:15b; Revelation 20:5a

[resurrection of unjust/damnation takes place on earth] Revelation 20:5,7-15

[2nd death - annihilation] Psalms 9:17; Matthew 5:22,29,30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15,33; Mark 9:43,45,47; Luke 12:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; James 3:6; Revelation 2:11, 20:6,14, 21:8

[the serpent/devil/satan/dragon said, “Ye shall not surely die...”] Genesis 3:4; and

[God said “Ye shall surely die...”] Genesis 2:17, 27:4; Proverbs 19:16; Ezekiel 3:19, 18:4,20, 33:9; James 5:20; Revelation 16:3; and

[God strictly warned and forbade necromancy, communication with the ‘dead’, even spiritually, ‘old man of sin’] Exodus 22:18, Deuteronomy 18:9-12; Isaiah 8:19; Luke 24:5;

[Episode of Saul and the woman of Endor] 1 Samuel 28:7-25, 31:1-12; 2 Samuel 1:1-24; 1 Chronicles 10:1-13

[Jesus is the resurrection and the life] John 11:25

[man is mortal, mortality] Genesis 2:17; Job 4:17; Romans 6:12, 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:53,54; 2 Corinthians 4:11, 5:4

[dust, clay] Genesis 1:24,25, 2:7,19, 3:14,19, 18:27; Job 4:19, 7:21, 10:9, 13:12, 17:16, 20:11, 21:26, 30:19, 33:6, 34:15, 40:13; Psalms 22:15,29, 30:9, 103:14, 104:29; Ecclesiastes 3:20, 12:7; Isaiah 26:19, 29:16, 41:25, 45:9, 64:8; Jeremiah 18:4,6; Lamentations 4:2; Daniel 12:2; Malachi 4:3; John 9:6,11,14,15; Romans 9:21; 2 Corinthians 4:7; 2 Peter 2:6

[God alone is inherently immortal] 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:14-16

[God alone has inherent unborrowed life, original, eternal] John 1:4

[mankind is created as “dust” + “breath of life” of God, neither of which we own, and is no different in that respect than the beasts, thus in the first death; returning to dust which we are, “breath of life” of God returns to God, for it is His, not ours] Genesis 2:7, 6:17; Job 34:14,15; Psalms 104:29; Ecclesiastes 8:8, 12:7; Acts 17:25

[Jesus, Himself says that the first death = “sleepeth”] Matthew 9:24; Mark 5:39; Luke 8:52; John 11:11

[God raises the dead] John 2:19, 6:39,44,54; Acts 26:8; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 4:14; Hebrews 11:19

[Cases of Translation (Taken alive without experiencing death) in Scripture to consider]

OT:

[01.] Enoch - Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5

[02.] Elijah - 2 Kings 2:1-12;

NT:

[03.] Final Harvest - 1 Thessalonians 4:15,17

[Cases of Resurrections in Scripture to consider] 1 Samuel 2:6; Job 14:12-14, 19:26; Psalms 16:10; Hosea 13:14; Matthew 22:23,28,30,31, 27:52,53; Mark 12:18,23,25; Luke 14:14, 20:27,33,35,36; John 5:29, 6:25,28,29,39,40,44,54, 11:24,25; Acts 2:27,31, 4:2,33, 17:31,32, 23:6,8, 24:15,21; Romans 1:4, 6:5,8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,13,16,20,21,23,29,32,35,42,43,52-55; Ephesians 1:20, 4:8; Philippians 3:10,11; Colossians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:18, 4:1; Hebrews 6:2, 11:35; 1 Peter 1:3, 3:21; Revelation 1:5,18, 20:5,6,13

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OT:

[01.] Moses by The Son of God (aka Jesus/Michael, the eternal uncreated and Highest Angel (Messenger) of the LORD (Father) - Numbers 20:8-12, 27:13, 31:2; Deuteronomy 4:21-22, 31:2, 14, 16, 32:51-52, 34:1-8; 1 Samuel 2:6; Matthew 22:32; John 11:25-26; Matthew 17:1-12; Mark 9:1-13; Luke 9:27-36; 2 Peter 1:16; Romans 5:14; Jude 1:9

[02.] Widow of Zarephath's Son by Elijah - 1 Kings 17:17-24; Hebrews 11:35

[03.] Shunamite Woman's Son by Elijah - 2 Kings 4:18-37; Hebrews 11:35

[04.] A man touching Elisha's bones - 2 Kings 13:20-21

[05.] Valley of the Dry Bones (Raised Army) by Ezekiel (natural and spiritual applications; 1 Corinthians 15:46) - Ezekiel 37:1-14;

NT:

[06.] Widow of Nain's Son by Jesus - Luke 7:11-17; Hebrews 11:35

[07.] Jairus' Daughter by Jesus - Matthew 9:18, 19, 23-26; Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; Luke 8:41-42, 49-56; Hebrews 11:35

[08.] Lazarus by Jesus - John 11:1-47; Hebrews 11:35

[09.] Jesus by the Father in Heaven, Himself (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost/Spirit; (JEHOVAH Elohiym) Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 6:14; Acts 2:24, 3:15, 13:33; Hebrews 13:20; (JEHOVAH, the Ancient of Days (The Father)) Acts 4:10; Ephesians 1:20; Romans 6:4; Galatians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; (Jesus JEHOVAH; The Son of the Father) John 2:19, 10:18; (The Holy Spirit/Ghost of JEHOVAH) Romans 8:11; 1 Peter 3:18; See also: Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-31; 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23, &c;

[10.] Firstfruits/Wavesheaf at the time of Jesus' Resurrection around Jerusalem by JEHOVAH Elohiym - Matthew 27:50-53, 28:1-4; Isaiah 26:19; (for Jesus, see also Psalms 40:6; Hebrews 10:5; Galatians 4:4); Psalms 68:8, 17-21 (vs 21., see Genesis 3:15); compare Psalms 68:18 to Ephesians 4:8-10; Compare Leviticus 23:9-14; 15-22 (Firstfruits) to 1 Corinthians 15:21-23. See also Psalms 24:1-10 (Triumphal Entry with Victory Train into New Jerusalem above), with Psalms 98:1-3; Colossians 2:15. See also Acts 1.

[11.] Tabitha/Dorcas by Peter - Acts 9:36-42

[12.] Eutychus by Paul - Acts 20:9-12.

[13.] Special Harvest - Daniel 12:2, 12; Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; Revelation 1:7, 14:13, &c;

[14.] The Righteous (Resurrection unto Eternal Life at the start of the 1,000 Years of Revelation 20:1-7; Isaiah 24:22) - 1 Samuel 2:6; Job 14:12-14, 19:26; Hosea 13:14; Matthew 22:31; Mark 12:18, 23, 25; Luke 14:14, 20:35, 36; John 5:29a, 6:25, 28, 29, 39, 40, 44, 54, 11:24, 25; Acts 4:2, 17:31, 32, 23:6, 24:15a, 21; Romans 6:5, 8, 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 29, 32, 35, 42, 43, 52-55; Philippians 3:10, 11; Colossians 3:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Timothy 2:18, 4:1; Hebrews 6:2, 11:35; Revelation 20:5b, 6; -- All the Holy "Clouds" of Angels, the "reapers", with Him -- Psalms 68:17, 104:3; Isaiah 66:15; Matthew 13:39, 49, 16:27, 24:30, 25:31, 51, 26:64; Mark 8:38, 13:27; Luke 9:26, 21:27; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:13, 4:16-17; Hebrews 1:7; Revelation 1:7, 12:7

[15.] The Wicked (finally impenitent; Resurrection unto Damnation, 2nd Death at the close of the 1,000 Years of Revelation 20:1-7; Isaiah 24:22) - John 5:29b; Acts 17:31, 24:15b; Revelation 20:5a; (2nd Death; Genesis 2:17; Job 20:26, 29, 31:2-3; Psalms 7:9, 9:17, 11:6, 21:9, 37:10, 37:20, 37:28, 38, 68:2, 69:28, 75:8, 10, 92:7, 9, 104:35, 106:18, 112:10, 145:20; Proverbs 2:22, 10:25, 28, 30, 12:7, 13:9, 14:11, 24:20; Ezekiel 18:4, 18:20; Isaiah 13:9, 25:8, 66:17, 24; Nahum 1:10; Obadiah 1:16; Zephaniah 1:2-3; Malachi 4:1; Matthew 10:28; John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 6:8; James 1:15; 2 Peter 3:10; Jude 1:12; Revelation 2:1; 7:17, 20:6, 9, 14, 21:4, 8);

NT: (Special Cases for consideration):

[16.] The "Two Witnesses" (not actually persons, they are symbols of the "Law" and the "Testimony" (word of God), see Acts 10:43; Romans 3:21; Deuteronomy 31:26; Matthew 24:14; tie to "Moses" - Exodus 4:9, 7:19, 21, 9:14; Deuteronomy 11:17, tie to "Elijah" - 1 Kings 8:35; 2 Chronicles 6:26, 7:13 (see also 1 Kings 17:1, 14-15, 8:1, 41, 44-45), see also Luke 4:25; James 5:17; tie to "truth fallen in the street" - Isaiah 59:14 (see also, for "street", Nehemiah 8:1, 3; Job 29:7; Daniel 9:25; see also for "truth", Psalms 119:142, 151; John 14:6, 15:26, 16:13; 1 John 5:6; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalms 25:10); tie to "light", "candlestick" - Psalms 119:105; Isaiah 8:20; 2 Peter 1:19; tie to "the word of the LORD", "my spirit" - Zechariah 4:6; see also Revelation 1:2, 9, 6, 9, 12, 17, 20, 4; Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 14:7, 12; Exodus 20:11; Isaiah 1:10; 2 Kings 17:13; Psalms 19:7, 78:5; Proverbs 29:18; Isaiah 8:16, 20; Lamentations 2:9; Ezekiel 7:26; Matthew 22:40; Romans 3:21; Revelation 1:10, &c.) - Revelation 11:3-12.

[17.] Paul (not actually resurrected, merely injured and helped up) - Acts 14:19-20; 2 Corinthians 11:25, 12:1-7.

[18.] Anti Christos (koine Greek) (Vicarius Christi (Latin); Beast of the Sea; Son of Perdition; Man of Sin; receives a 'deadly wound' (Government/State Authority with execution powers is stripped from it), and later is healed (Government/State Authority with execution powers are returned to it; it counterfeits Christ Jesus; this is not an individual person, but a system, a Church/State entity*) - Revelation 13:3, 12; Daniel 11:40.

There are many other verses to consider on resurrection in general, such as Matthew 11:5; Luke 7:22, Romans 8:11; &c; and other related verses, such as Matthew 8:22; Luke 9:60, &c.

There are many verses which speak about 'spiritual resurrection (life) of heart/mind/spirit', such as, Romans 11:15, 13:11; 1 Corinthians 15:34; 2 Corinthians 1:9, 5:14; Ephesians 2:1, 5, 5:14; Colossians 2:12, 13, 20, 3:1, 3; 1 Timothy 5:6; Hebrews 6:1, 9:14; James 2:17, 26; 1 Peter 2:24, etc.

Immortal Soul/Spirit theology is very dangerous to the Everlasting Gospel for (natural to spiritual) if men who die, yet live somehow, then the old man of sin, does not ever really die either, is immortalized by the wicked spiritualistic theology of the devil, 'Ye shall not surely die.'

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